

*[English]***Women Prisoners in Tihar Jail**

1069. DR. M. JAGANNATH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of women prisoners in Tihar Jail;
- (b) their break-up in life convicts, term convicts and undertrials;
- (c) whether the women's enclosure in the jail is overcrowded;
- (d) whether the Government propose to construct an exclusive women's jail in Delhi; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) The number of women prisoners lodged in the Central Jail, Tihar as on 16.7.97 was 400, with the following break-up:

Life convicts	:	34
Term convicts	:	15
Undertrials	:	347
Detenues	:	04
Total		400

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) and (e) Yes, Sir. A new jail with a capacity of 450 earmarked exclusively for women prisoners is under construction in the Tihar Jail Complex.

*[Translation]***Price of Sugarcane**

1070. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price of sugarcane is announced by the Union Government and the State Governments separately in the country at present;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the norms on which the price of sugarcane is fixed;

(c) whether the sugarcane producers have to suffer heavy losses due to announcement of two different prices for sugarcane in the country;

(d) if so, the prospective policy of the Government in this regard; and

(e) whether the Government propose to reconsider the present policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) As per clause 3 of the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, the Government of India announces every year the Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) of Sugarcane. Most of the State Governments also advise sugar factories to pay cane prices known as State Advised Prices (SAP). SMP of Sugarcane is being determined taking into account the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) The Government have set up a High Powered Committee inter alia to study the Laws and rules and regulations relating to sugar, sugarcane and sugar industry, to suggest methods for increasing production of sugarcane and ways to ensure fair and remunerative prices to sugarcane growers.

Voluntary Organisations in Maharashtra

1071. SHRI DATTA MEGHE :
SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant or financial assistance has been provided to voluntary organisations in Gujarat and Maharashtra during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the organisations benefited therefrom;

(c) whether some organisations have not submitted their accounts and reports regularly;

(d) if so, the details of such organisations; and

(e) the action taken against them?